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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch). See Figures(s) 9a.
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 9a.
  - Numbers, letters, and reference characters on the drawings must measure at least 0.32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. See Figure(s) 9a-b,10.
  - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 6.

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated 05/06/2004, enclosed are:

A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

- Credit Card Payment Form(s) PTO-2038 in the amount of \$210.00 for extension fees.
- Substitute Drawings.
- A Return Receipt Postcard.
- A Certificate of Mailing (Below).

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), provided a Petition is not submitted separately.

Please charge any fee due not paid by a check or credit card authorization provided herewith, and/or charge any underpayment in any fee, and/or credit any overpayment in fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-2381.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures** 

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Date of Deposit: 8 20 04. I hereby certify that this paper/fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail-Postage Prepaid, under 37 CFR 1.8, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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